News release

Forecasters warn of severe weather

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Met Office forecasters have issued early warnings of severe weather for the UK through the next few days as an active depression tracks in from the Atlantic through Sunday and Monday.

Following the events of recent days, this active weather system will bring strong winds for some areas and sweep a band of heavy rain across the country, with very heavy showers then developing.

40 mm of rain are expected for many parts, with locally 70 mm in the heavy showers leading to localised flooding.

Winds will also be strong in places with gusts of 50 m.p.h. likely across south-west England, Wales and Northern Ireland.

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